MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER 2026 IN THE ELIOT HALL, ST GERMANS AT 6.30PM

Present:

Tideford Ward:	Cllrs. A Hodge (Vice Chairman, O Evans.
St Germans Ward:	Cllrs. R Elliott (Chairman), J True, J Rodenburg,
Polbathic Ward:	
Bethany Ward:	Cllrs. P Chilton, C Holl.
Also attending:	Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk)
	One member of the public (candidate for co-option)

1.. Chairman to open the meeting followed by the public session. The Chairman opened the meeting. There were no members of the public present.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr B Skelton, Cllr K Ewert (Cornwall Council).

3. Declarations of interest relating to matters on the agenda. Cllr True declared an interest on Agenda Item 8iii) grant application from the St Germans Charitable Trust.

At this point of the meeting, the Council agreed to move Item 21 forward.

21. Parish Council Vacancies – Polbathic (2), Tideford (1). Having considered the candidate for co-option it was proposed by Cllr True, seconded by Cllr Chilton and unanimously agreed to invite Mr Nicholas Carhart to join the Council as a member for the Polbathic Ward. Mr Carhart accepted and signed his "Declaration of Acceotance of Office".

4. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 24th August 2026. The minutes of the meeting held on the 24th August 2026 were approved and signed by the Chairman; proposed by Cllr Holl, seconded by Cllr True and unanimoulsy agreed.

5. Report from Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert. Cllr Ewert was unable to attend the meeting.

6. Planning applications –to discuss the following planning applications and any other applications received between the publication of the agenda and the meeting.

a) **PA26/06350 The Old Rectory, Old Quay Lane, St Germans - Listed Building Consent for proposed solar panels and associated battery storage, repair works and internal alterations.** No objections, proposed by Cllr True, seconded by Cllr Holl and unanimoulsy agreed.

Planning Matters – to note any information relating to planning or enforcement matters. It was noted that hedges had been removed at Berry Farm, Bethany and a new entrance created.

7. Cornwall Council Planning application decisions and reports to be noted: Councillors noted the planning decisions.

a) PA26/03379 Polbathic Garage, Polbathic – Construction of one dwelling. Awaiting a decision.

b) PA26/04592 Tyhanner, Old Road, Polbathic – Variation of condition 2 in respect of Decision Notice PA24/06426 dated 08.10.2024. Awaiting a decision.

8. Finance

i) to note and approve current financial position on all accounts. The bank reconciliation was noted and the bank balances verified by the Chairman.

ii) to approve and authorise the payment of accounts, as circulated. It was proposed by Cllr Hodge, seconded by Cllr True and unanimoulsy agreed the accounts be paid.

Staff & HMRC	Salary & PAYE	1024.91		1024.91
Tamar Accounting	Monthly fee	20.00	4.00	24.00
Eliot Hall	Room hire June, Aug, Sep	66.00		66.00
Parish Magazine Printing	October edition	232.98		232.98
A J Gallagher	Insurance renewal	2216.56		2216.56
BH Gardens	Grass cutting / maint/ fp	1710.00	342.00	2052.00
M Perry Associates Ltd	Preparation of drawings for cemetery building	1519.35	303.87	1823.22
Lloyd Bank	Charges July - Sept	16.00		16.00
St Mary's	Stone for burial ground	87.30	17.46	104.76

iii) to consider a grant application from the St Germans Charitable Trust. Cllr True declared and interest and left the meeting for this item. After a discussion the Council resolved to approve the grant application from the St Germans Charitable Trust for £400 to support the cost of the rent for the recreation field. Proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Holl and agreed by the majority. Cllr Hodge abstained.

iv) Notice of Conclusion of Audit. Notices for the conclusion of audit for the 2025/2026 financial year were distributed for the notice boards. The Clerk will place a copy on the website.

v) Unity Bank – Councillors agreed to place the minimum amount into a new 12 month fixed-term interest account.

9. Parish Councillor reports

i) Safe 38: Cllr Hodge - to note the report circulated from the 17th September 2026 meeting.
Cllr Hodge had circulated a report prior to the meeting. An update on the proposed start date for the installation of the Tideford crossing was now hopefully mid-October.
At the AGM all officers were re-elected.
A public consultation event displaying the A38 Liskeard to Trerulefoot improvements was being held in Liskeard on the 5th October 2026 from 1.00pm to 6.30pm.

ii) Cornwall Council Community Area Partnership Meeting (CAP) Cllr Hodge – to note the date of the next meeting, 6th October 2026. The date of the next meeting was noted and would be held at the Eliot Hall, St Germans. Members of the public were able to attend. Cllr Hodge confirmed the South-East Cornwall CAP consisted of 29 parishes along with the Cornwall Councillors who represented this area.

10. Correspondence – to be noted.
St Germans Station – The Clerk had received emails from residents in relation to the changes in train times and the reduction in train services at St Germans station. Cllr Ture offered to attend the Rame Community Transport Group meeting on the 12th October 2026 where further information would be available.

11. Nut Tree – to nominate the Clerk /a Councillor to write a report for the next parish magazine.
Cllr True will submit a report for the November edition. Topics for inclusion were noted.

12. Parish Council Policies – GDPR policy review and adoption. The GDPR policy was approved and adopted. Proposed by Cllr Hodge, seconded by Cllr Holl and unanimoulsy agreed.

13. Burial Ground – to note and approve any work required. Update on work to raise the sunken monumental tablets. To approve the amended plans for the new shelter / bin storage building and agree quotations be obtained. Cllr Chilton reported on work being carried out to raise the sunken memorial tablets. This made a great improvement to the site. The contractor suggested mixing cement with the stone to bed the tablets in place and this should prevent sinking in the future.
Councillors approve the drawings for the new shelter / bin store. Suggested contractors to be selected by Cllrs. Elliott and Owens, along with a contractor suggested at the meeting.
Cllr Elliott stated he did not hold the spare for the padlock that secured the new bench.

14. Playparks and public areas:- to identify and approve any work requiring attention.
i) St Germans / Treland. To note inspections and agree actions to be taken. To agree that further costs be obtained for new play equipment. The problems with the Lower Fairfield gate were ongoing but not considered a health and safety matter. Cllr True to carry out the next inspections. Having received a plan for new play equipment, Councillors will look at other companies and options available to submit a scheme. Councillors had also looked at parks in adjacent parishes.
The Clerk will again contact Biffa about the bin outside the park that needs to be replaced.

ii) Tideford. To note inspections and agree actions to be taken. Update on repairs. The "T" swing had been repaired. It was unanimoulsy agreed to accept the quote from South-West Play to carry out further repairs to the park, proposed Cllr Owens, seconded by Cllr Ture.

15. Devolution of the Tideford Car Park, Polbathic Car Park, the St Germans Recreation Field and the wooded area adjacent to Treland Play Park – update on the request to Cornwall Council to devolve these areas to the Parish Council. There were no updates on the devolution of sites to the Parish Council. Cllr Hodge awaited a response from Cornwall Council.
Cllr Hodges asked the Councillors to think about the future of the St Germans Recreation Field, the lease that expired in December 2027, and whether, or not the Parish Council could purchase the land or take on the lease. A matter for discussion next year.

16. Menheniot Community Bus CIC and report from the Rame Transport Working Group meeting. Update on the provision of a community bus to serve the local areas including St Germans parish. Train services from St Germans station. Cllr Chilton reported a fundraising event was being held in Menheniot Hall on the 3rd October 2026 to raise money for a new community bus.

17. Port Eliot Festivals 2026 – feedback from the second Tunes festival. A discussion was held on the management of the recent Tunes festival and how many of the concerns raised after the Wild Gardens event had been addressed. The organisers had agreed to hold a meeting in April 2027 prior to next year's festivals.

18. Neighbourhood Planning Statement – to discuss the aspects of an NPS and if this is suitable for St Germans parish. Information on Neighbourhood Planning Statements was circulated to Councillors. The changes to the NPPF and planning protocols were noted.

19. Parish Council Policies – to approve the GDPR policy. Dealt with under Item 12 of this meeting.

20. Matters arising from previous decisions, and any urgent matters (which cannot be voted on) at the discretion of the chair. Items for the next agenda.

- **St Germans Recreation Field** (agenda item for October 2026)

- **Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2026.** Cllr Carhart asked if the Parish Council attended services within the parish. Cllr Hodge attended the ceremony at Tideford. Cllr Carhart expressed an interest in attending the service at St Germans.
- **Defibrillators.** Defibrillator locations were confirmed.

21. Parish Council vacancies – Polbathic (2) Tideford (1). Item discussed at the beginning of this meeting. The co-option of one Councillor now left the following positions available; Polbathic (1), Tideford (1). Cllr Price has missed six consecutive meetings so under Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 she had ceased to be a member of St Germans Parish Council.

22. Date of next Parish Council meeting – Monday, 26th October 2026 -The RBL Tideford.

23. To close the meeting. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Dated: 26th October 2026 Signed: